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PRODUCERS OF COUNTY ORGANIZE

WILL TAKE OVER THE GRANTS PASS CANNERY.

ADDRESS BY GEO. H. TINKER

Final Organization to be Effected at Second Meeting to be Held Saturday Afternoon.

The Josephine county farmers and fruit growers are on the right track, and have started out through co-operation to find profitable markets for the products of the fertile soil of the Rogue valley. The meeting held at the Commercial club rooms Saturday afternoon was well attended, representatives being present from all the districts adjacent to the city, and the machinery was set in motion whereby the Grants Pass cannery will be rehabilitated and ready to take care of the surplus product of the farm and the orchard this present season.

Geo. H. Tinker, manager of the Benton County Growers' association, which was organized last year under conditions almost identical with those now existing in Josephine county, was present and outlined the plan upon which the cannery at Corvallis had been operated and made to succeed. Mr. Tinker went to Corvallis a couple of years ago and purchased a tract near the city. Upon this he produced a record crop of fruits, but was suddenly confronted with the fact that there was no adequate market for the fresh stuff and no cannery available to take care of it. Other producers were in the same predicament and from it came the agitation for the organization of a co-operative cannery company. This company operated last season, and made acceptable returns to the growers of the produce with which it was supplied. The first season of its operation the Corvallis cannery shipped 12 cars of its product, and it now has orders for from 40 to 50 cars of the pack that it will put out this season. The Corvallis co-operative company had taken over a defunct cannery much as is the proposition of the Grants Pass people.

Mr. Tinker had made a thorough investigation of the local cannery plant, and estimated that through the expenditure of \$2,000 for new machinery and for needed repairs it would be up-to-date in every particular and adequate for the demands of the community for several years to come. He was well pleased with the buildings and the equipment, stating that it was in every way superior to the institution which the Corvallis growers had taken over and put into successful operation, and he foresaw only success for the cannery here upon the co-operative basis.

The market for the canned product he said was unlimited, and the prices paid had been good, and the result had been heavy planting of many fruits, berries and vegetables this year so that the output would be largely increased over last season. The prices quoted by Mr. Tinker as having been paid for produce at the cannery last season were as follows: Loganberries, 3 3-4 cents per pound; blackberries, 3 cents; raspberries, 5 cents; gooseberries, 3 cents; cull apples, \$9 per ton; pears, \$20 per ton; string beans, 1 1-2 to 2 1-2 cents per pound; prunes, \$20 per ton, etc. This year with better organization and an increased output the prices were expected to be even better. Mr. Tinker said that in his own case he had had better net returns from the cull apples taken to the cannery than from the choice product boxed and shipped.

Following the intelligent and comprehensive statement made by Mr. Tinker regarding the operation of the co-operative cannery, and a quiz in which a great number of those present indulged and brought

out valuable points, it was unanimously agreed that the growers of Josephine county organize along the line of the Benton county organization, and arrange for the taking over of the local cannery. T. E. Hill, manager of the Leonard Orchards, was elected temporary chairman, and H. T. Pritchard temporary secretary of the embryo association, and an organization committee composed of representatives from the various producing districts was named to act with the chairman and the secretary in outlining the definite plan and perfecting the organization of the Josephine County Growers' association.

The membership of the organization committee is as follows: D. E. Heller, Hugo. Chas. Wise, Merlin. A. N. Parsons, Grants Pass. A. N. Wylberg, Jerome Prairie. H. Wood, Rogue River valley. K. M. C. Nell, Applegate valley. T. C. Wells, Wilderville. R. S. Dahlberg, Murphy. H. T. Hull, Rogue River valley. Wilford Allen, Grants Pass. E. V. Smith, Grants Pass. R. Randolph, Wilderville. John Kinkle, Savage Rapids. H. L. Gilkey, Grants Pass. Sam H. Baker, Grants Pass. Marshall Hooper, Grants Pass. A. N. Carson, Murphy. C. F. Lovelace, Wilderville. Geo. Eaton, Rogue River valley. S. F. Potter, Evans Creek.

This committee is called to meet next Saturday, March 15th, at the Commercial club rooms at three o'clock. It is proposed that this committee, representing the districts that will be brought into the organization, proceed without delay with the plan which it adopts and contract with the farmers for such produce as can be grown this season. There will be no restrictions upon membership, every producer being eligible to become members of the co-operative company. At the meeting Saturday the plan outlined by Mr. Tinker was endorsed, and that will undoubtedly be the one upon which the local people will organize.

UNEMPLOYED MARCH ON TO THE CAPITAL.

STOCKTON, Cal., Mar. 15.—With 20 on foot, 11 men on an electric car and one man in the Emergency hospital with chills and fever, Carl Browne's "Army of the Unemployed" started on its march to Sacramento today to demonstrate to the legislature that it should pass the bill to provide state employment for jobless men.

Nearly 200 men partook of the army's "mulligan" and broke bread, literally, with Carl Browne on the Stockton Plaza last night, but although they had all signed up for the hike, only a few of them were in the ranks this morning. Last evening several I. W. W. members tried to break up Browne's meeting and three of Browne's recruits deserted. "Christ had one Judas out of 12 and I have three out of 48," shouted Browne to his listeners, and he was applauded.

COLUMBIA BRIDGE BILL HAS BEEN VETOED.

OLYMPIA, March 13.—Governor Lister last night sent his fifth veto to the legislature, refusing to approve the house bill which appropriates \$500,000 as Washington's share for the construction of a bridge over the Columbia river at Vancouver. The bill also provides for a levy of one-quarter of a mill.

OLYMPIA, March 13.—Although Governor Lister vetoed the \$500,000 appropriation for the Columbia river bridge at Vancouver, there is still a chance for the bridge. If the people of Clarke and the adjoining counties consider that the span will be worth enough to them to warrant the expenditure, it is possible for them to go ahead. This is the purpose of the bridge enabling act, signed by Governor Lister yesterday.

It provides that any city or county may unite with any other city or state to build a bridge, and permits the issuance of bonds and warrants for that purpose.

SALE OF P.-I. RAILROAD BONDS AUTHORIZED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Public Utilities Commission to Close Deal At Figure Offered By Ohio Bond Buying Firm

In session this afternoon the city council adopted a resolution conferring upon the Public Utility commission authority to negotiate a sale of the \$200,000 bond issue upon terms that will permit the acceptance of the bid already made by a Cleveland firm, to net the city ninety-six and one-half per cent of the face value of the issue. The resolution reads as follows: "Resolved, that the Public Utility commission be and is hereby authorized to negotiate a sale of the railroad bonds through brokers and to pay a commission and fees for services not to exceed three and one-half per cent of the face value thereof and to arrange upon a sale for the printing and delivery of the bonds, delivery to be made through the city treasurer."

The business men of Grants Pass are unanimously in favor of the acceptance of the bid made by the Cleveland, Ohio, bond buying house for the \$200,000 bond issue voted by this city on December 18th. This bid, which was for 96 1-2 cents with accrued interest, is the best offer yet received, and considering the fact that the bonds bear but five per cent interest, it is an excellent offer in the light of the financial market.

Thursday at ten o'clock a meeting largely attended by business men was held in the Commercial club rooms, presided over by C. H. Demaray. The railroad situation was discussed, and

the question of the sale of the bonds was thoroughly considered. The council and the public utility commission have been untiring in seeking the best market for the bond issue, and it was stated their belief that the bid was to arrive at public sentiment regarding the acceptance of the 96 1-2 cent bid that the meeting was called.

The discussion was participated in by Messrs. Lockett, McKinstry, Clark, Fry, Lundberg, Demaray, Gilkey, Baker, Hooper and others, and all stated their belief that the bid was an excellent one, and that it was not likely that a better one would be obtained in the near future. It was explained that the acceptance of the bid meant that the city would pay only 5 1-5 per cent interest on the bond issue, a very low rate for western municipal bonds, and on vote there was not a dissenter to the acceptance of the bid. This bid, submitted about three weeks ago, reads that "For straight twenty-year bonds, principal and interest payable in New York, delayed deliveries as money is needed, earlier our option, will pay ninety-six and half for city railroad bonds."

The company has since renewed the bid, and wants the entire issue of \$200,000, not agreeing to have the issue split.

Immediately following the action of the citizens, a call for a session of the council to convene at three o'clock was called, when the matter of the formal acceptance of the bid will be considered.

FINED FOR DRINKING LIQUOR ON TRAIN.

On the arrival of No. 15 on the Southern Pacific Thursday afternoon Chief of Police McLean and Constable Randle took five men from the train against whom complaint had been made for violation of the state law prohibiting drinking intoxicating liquors on a train. The conductor had wired ahead to the officers, complaint having been made to him by G. M. Rowley, a former resident of Grants Pass, who was returning to his home here from Portland.

Mr. Rowley said that the men took the liquor from their baggage and drank it between Leland and Grants Pass, the offense being committed in a car filled with other travelers, including many women and children.

On their arrest at the depot, the men were taken before Justice Holman, where one of them, Alfred Gustafson, entered a plea of guilty, and was fined the minimum of \$25. The cases against the other four were dismissed. The men were enroute to California to work in a mill, and will continue their journey on the next train.

PROGRESS IN ALASKA COAL LAND CASE.

CHICAGO, March 13.—O. G. Laberee of Spokane, Wash., was the first witness today in the trial of Albert C. Frost of Chicago and six others accused of swindling the government out of \$10,000,000 in Alaskan coal lands. He declared he was a former business assistant of Frost.

After admitting that he was a promoter for the Alaska Central railroad, Duncan Laberee testified that he met Duncan Stewart in 1905 and persuaded him to interest Frost in railroad property. Frost, he said sent an expedition into Alaska to investigate possibilities there, the expedition finding 48 coal lands and deciding to buy the railroad outright. Laberee said he withdrew from the coal land ventures on the advice of attorneys who warned him that the scheme might get him into trouble with the government.

Mrs. Hurd, wife of the Baptist minister at Williams, who underwent a serious operation at the South Pacific hospital a few days ago, is reported as improving nicely.

MAZAMAS TO OREGON CAVES MAY 30TH.

According to present arrangements the Mazamas, one hundred strong, will arrive in Grants Pass on the morning of May 30th for the trip to the Marble Caves. Secretary Quinlan has just written to the officers of the organization in Portland outlining a plan that will probably be the one adopted. Under this plan 25 automobiles will be at the depot on the arrival of the 9:38 train on Friday morning, May 30th, and the 100 mountain climbers will be loaded in and leave at once through the Applegate and Williams valleys for Stevens, where the wagon road ends. It is expected that this point will be reached by 12:30 o'clock, and lunch of coffee, sandwiches, etc., will be served by the Commercial club.

From Stevens it is nine miles by trail to the caves, and as soon as lunch is over the climb up the slope of Grayback will commence. It is not proposed to make the entire nine miles Friday afternoon, but camp will be pitched two or three miles from the caves and early Saturday morning the climb will be resumed and all day Saturday will be put in in exploring the various chambers and recesses of the caves. Guides are to be supplied free of expense by the Commercial club, and the forestry department will detail a number of its men to be of service to the outers. Returning to the camp just below the caves Saturday evening, the night will be again spent in the wilds of Grayback, and Sunday morning the party will return to the waiting autos at Stevens. After another lunch the run will be made back to Grants Pass in time to catch No. 16 at 6:30 in the evening for Portland.

The Mazamas announce that they will come from Portland in their picturesque mountain-climbing garb ready on stepping from the train to start at once for the assault on Grayback. They will bring their own camp equipment and cook, and it will be transported to the camp by Ira Sparlin, the veteran Williams packer, who will be on the job. Mr. Sparlin will have enough horses and men to move the camp expeditiously, and the Mazamas are assured that under his direction things will move without a hitch—or at least none except the "diamond hitch."

The Mazamas write that the camp fire around which the merry hundred will gather for two nights on Grayback will be a feature of the trip, and the forestry department has been communicated with to make provision for this. The official photographer will accompany the party and make a set of views of the caves and the places of interest along the route, and the Mazama historian will write the story of the trip for publication in the club magazine.

FIGHTING COMMENCES IN NORTHERN MEXICO.

NOGALES, Ariz., March 13.—Seventeen federal rurales were killed and 11 wounded by rebel sharpshooters in the early hours of today's engagement between Sonora constitutionalists and Colonel Koesteritzky's federals.

The casualties among the rebels are not known.

The fighting was at long range. The wounded federals were brought to the American side of the border under a Red Cross flag and given medical attention. Three of them probably are fatally wounded.

The rebel sharpshooters, who are responsible for the execution among the federals, were concealed in the hills and offered no target for the return fire of the garrison. They constantly shifted their position, working gradually nearer the town.

Practically every non-combatant in Nogales, Sonora, fled to the American side of the border at the start of hostilities although many were reported to be barricaded in their homes, unable to escape because of the rain of bullets from the rifles of the constitutionalist sharpshooters.

The American side of the border was thronged with spectators in spite of orders issued by American cavalry officers. Almost the entire American cavalry patrol was deployed along the border to be ready to enforce orders to prevent the belligerents from crossing the line.

HOLDS UP RICHARD APPOINTMENT

GOVERNOR BACKS WATER IN NAMING COUNTY ATTORNEY.

WATSON TO INVESTIGATE

Short Residence in State of Man Named by West Chief Ground for Opposition.

SALEM, March 12.—Objections to the appointment of E. H. Richard as county attorney of Josephine county are reaching Governor West today. The principal objector is Robert G. Smith, mayor of Grants Pass. Today the governor delegated his secretary, Ralph Watson, as special ambassador, to visit Grants Pass and investigate. Watson will leave Friday night. In the meantime the appointment of the county attorney is being held up.

Opposition to the appointment of Mr. Richard was pronounced at the W. C. T. U. institute held at the Newman Methodist church Tuesday, and while no resolutions were adopted on the subject, it was decided to send individual letters to Governor West and ask that he name some one besides Richard for the office. Others have also wired the governor, protesting because of the short time that Mr. Richard has resided in the state, and the little time he has had for becoming familiar with Oregon laws. As a result of these protests the governor has held up the appointment and will send his private secretary to Grants Pass to make a personal investigation.

SALEM, March 11.—E. H. Richard is today appointed county attorney of Josephine county by Governor West. L. A. Liljedquist was appointed county attorney of Douglas county.

Edward H. Richard, mentioned in the above dispatch from the state capital as having been appointed to the recently created office of county attorney, has resided in Grants Pass for the past eighteen months, having come here from Covington, Louisiana. He is a democrat in politics, and has been a practicing attorney for the past seven years. For nearly six years he was a partner in the office of the district attorney in Louisiana and there became familiar with the people's side in prosecutions of evil doers, an experience that will be of material value as official prosecutor of Josephine county.

The appointments of county attorneys came by virtue of the county attorney bill, passed by the late legislature, under the operation of which this county will have its own prosecutor instead of a deputy appointed by the district attorney. Former District Attorney Kelly will become county attorney of Jackson county when the new law becomes effective on the first of June, ninety days after the adjournment of the legislature. The salary attached to the office is \$1,200 per annum. Heretofore the county had a deputy district attorney at a salary of \$75 per month.

Mayor R. G. Smith has filed an emphatic protest to the appointment of Mr. Richard. To the Courier the mayor said, "this appointment is absurd, and the governor would never have made it if he understood the situation. Richard has been in the county about eighteen months, and has been practicing law in this state less than a year. The county attorney in the legal adviser of the county court and precedence would dictate that some one more familiar with the laws and procedure of this state should be selected. If the appointee must be a democrat I am a candidate myself."

O. Meissner went to Cottage Grove Thursday to take a position as engineer in one of the saw mills.